

**Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements  
for Elementary Art & Music School Teachers  
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**Elementary school teachers that have an elementary license and teach art and music to elementary school students may meet the highly qualified requirements for elementary school teachers.**

To be highly qualified, **Veteran Elementary School Teachers** must hold a valid Indiana teaching license appropriate for elementary school grades, AND COMPLETED ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Passed the PRAXIS II (#10011) licensing exam entitled Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; OR
- Passed the National Teacher Exam (NTE) (#20010) Specialty test called "Education in the Elementary School"; OR
- Earned 100 points on the HOUSSE rubric.

To be highly qualified, **New Elementary School Teachers** must hold a valid Indiana teaching license appropriate for elementary school grades, AND PASSED THE REQUIRED PRAXIS II (#10011) LICENSING EXAM ENTITLED Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment. HOUSSE is NOT an option for new teachers.

**Licensed art and music teachers that teach art and music to elementary school students may meet the highly qualified requirements for junior high/middle and high school teachers. Note: Teachers who are highly qualified in the core academic subject that they teach at the middle or high school level are also highly qualified at the elementary level.**

To be highly qualified, **Veteran Junior High/Middle and High School Teachers** must hold a valid Indiana teaching license appropriate for the school setting, AND COMPLETED ONE of the following in art or music:

- Passed the PRAXIS II exam in the CAS; OR
- Passed the NTE specialty exam in the CAS; OR
- Earned a bachelor's degree or completed 24 college credit hours in the CAS; OR
- Earned a master's degree in the CAS they teach; OR
- Completed the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification in the CAS; OR
- Earned 100 points on the HOUSSE rubric.

To be highly qualified, **New Junior High/Middle or Secondary School Teachers** must hold a valid Indiana teaching license appropriate for the school setting, AND COMPLETED ONE of the following in art or music:

- Passed the required PRAXIS II licensing exam in the CAS; OR
- Earned a bachelor's degree or completed 24 credit hours in the CAS; OR
- Earned a master's degree in the CAS.

**Note:**

A veteran teacher is a teacher who has taught for at least one year while holding a valid teaching license.

A new teacher is a teacher who has taught for less than one year while holding a valid teaching license.